

circulation, and whether it is the intention of the Government to call the balance in; if not, is it their intention to issue more?

MR. CARTWRIGHT: The amount of Government scrip of this denomination still in circulation is \$116,505. It is not at present the intention of the Government to call this in, and any party who desires to obtain these small fractional notes can obtain them on application to the Receiver-General or Assistant Receiver-General.

MAIN-À-DIEU HARBOUR.

QUESTION.

MR. MACKAY (Cape Breton) enquired, Whether the Government intends to cause the necessary survey to be made of part of the harbour of Main-à-dieu, in the county of Cape Breton, with a view to the construction of a breakwater there?

MR. MACKENZIE: There has been a survey made, to some extent, of this harbour, with a view to locate a breakwater at one or other of two points,—either the one on the outside of the bay, or the one a little farther to the north; but it may be necessary to make some further examination, and I will ascertain whether that is the case or not when I see the engineer, and will give directions accordingly.

INSURANCE LAW AMENDMENT.

QUESTION.

MR. DESJARDINS enquired, Whether it is the intention of the Government to introduce, during the present Session, such amendments to the general law respecting insurance as will permit and facilitate the amalgamation of fire insurance companies?

MR. CARTWRIGHT: It is not the intention of the Government to introduce legislation on this subject during the present Session.

THE QUEBEC PROVINCIAL CRISIS.

QUESTION.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD enquired, Whether any correspondence had taken place between the Lieutenant-Governor of Quebec and the Gov-

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ernor-General or the Government respecting the events in Quebec alluded to in the Message from His Excellency yesterday; and if so, whether the Government would bring it down; and if so, when?

MR. MACKENZIE: There is no correspondence, that I know of, with the Governor-General, and there is none with the Government, except, I may say, a private note which accompanied these papers.

SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD: Exactly.

MR. MACKENZIE: That was informal. There was no correspondence of any kind.

PAYMENTS ON LAND FOR CANAL PURPOSES.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

MR. LANGEVIN moved for a return showing:

“1st. The several sums of money paid out of the \$39,256.01, deposited in the Bank of Montreal, to pay certain parties for land taken for Canal purposes and payable on certificates of the Department of Justice; 2nd. The names of the parties to whom such several sums of money have been paid, and the dates of such several payments.”

MR. MACKENZIE: I think that I gave the hon. gentleman this return in the Committee of Public Accounts.

MR. LANGEVIN: I think that it did not cover this matter.

MR. MACKENZIE: I recollect that I brought it down; but no harm will be done by passing the motion.

Motion agreed to.

DUTIES COLLECTED AT ST. JOHN, N.B.

MOTION FOR RETURN.

MR. DOMVILLE moved for statement of duties collected by Customs and Inland Revenue Departments at St. John, N.B., from 1st July, 1876, to 1st January 1877, and from 1st July, 1877, to 1st January, 1878. He said that the object of this motion was to show, as far as possible, the Customs dues that had been collected at St. John, N.B., since the great fire last year. They believed that this amount was very large. The hon. the